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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: ASEC, PINS, LE
SUBJECT: GALLAGHER/DYKES

REF: EMBTEL 15593

1. DEFATT'S CONTACT IN JUMBLATT CAMP TELEPHONED LAST EVENING THAT COL. DAHDAH HAD MET MONDAY DEC 29 WITH JUMBLATT. DAHDAH TOLD JUMBLATT THAT THE ITEMS DESIRED BY PFLP WOULD BE DELIVERED WITHIN A MONTH AFTER GALLAGHER/DYKES RELEASE. JUMBLATT MET YESTERDAY WITH PFLP AND GAVE THEM THIS NEWS. PFLP REPS STATED THEY DID NOT REPEAT NOT TRUST DAHDAH. JUMBLATT HAS NOW CALLED MEETING FOR TODAY WITH BOTH PFLP AND DAHDAH. WE ARE THEREFORE CAUTIOUSLY REPEAT CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT THERE MIGHT BE A BREAKTHROUGH THE NEXT 24-48 HOURS.

2. IN REVIEWING OUR CONTINGENCY THINKING AND PLANNING WE REALIZE THAT THE ONLY CONTINGENCY WE HAVE OVERLOOKED IS THAT THE MEN MIGHT BE IN REALLY BAD PHYSICAL CONDITION AND THAT AIR MEDEVAC MIGHT BE DESIRED WITHIN A VERY BRIEF PERIOD OF TIME. WE BELIEVE THIS IS REMOTE BUT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

3. THEREFORE REQUEST CONTINGENCY PLANS BE MADE TO HAVE
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C-9 HOSPITAL AIRCRAFT STAND BY IN GERMANY. TELEPHONES IN BEIRUT

ARE MOST REPEAT MOST UNRELIABLE, SO PLEASE INDICATE THE
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS OF OUR CONTACT IN CASE WE REQUIRE
THIS ASSISTANCE.
GODLEY

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